

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

1890s Extension

Greater funding needed for historically black universities providing educational services and outreach to farmers, families, and communities.

The 1890 land-grant universities and Tuskegee University (the 1890 Institutions) have an integrated mission to conduct research, educate undergraduate and graduate students, and provide public outreach. The public outreach effort, referred to as Cooperative Extension, is comprised of a broad range of science-based educational programs which have been proven to:

- Strengthen the agricultural industry (especially small farmers) by developing agricultural production systems that are efficient, sustainable, and highly competitive in the global economy.
- Enhance the health of families through diet/nutrition and food safety education and their economic well-being through practical financial education.
- Foster the development of strong, stable communities through leadership development efforts and encouraging entrepreneurship.

Although these Extension programs serve a diverse clientele, emphasis is placed on those with limited social and economic resources.

The primary source of funding for 1890s Extension is the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), the extramural funding agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. NIFA funds are matched with state monies and some institutions also receive limited support from county governments.

Congress has long recognized the value of the 1890s Extension program and modest increases have been provided in recent years. However, there are many unmet needs and greater support is urgently required.

A.P.L.U. strongly supports the 1890s Extension program and urges Congress to increase funding for this program in the FY 2010 Agriculture Appropriations bill.



A.P.L.U. PRIORITY REQUEST FOR FY 2010

1890 Institutions and Tuskegee (Extension).....\$43 M

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- Risk management education that provides farmers and ranchers with tools to address risk related issues.
- Increasing viability and competitiveness of farms through sustainable practices.
- Improving nutrition, diet, and health of limited resource families with emphasis on reducing obesity.
- After school enrichment programs to enhance youth skills in science, technology, and math.
- Improving economic viability of rural communities.
- Protecting the environment and natural resource management.

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Appropriations Bill	Agriculture				
Agency	National Institute of Food and Agriculture (formerly Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service)				
Account	Extension Activities				
Program Name	1890 Institutions and Tuskegee (Extension)				
Requested Amount	\$43,000,000				
Authorization	7 U.S.C. 3221, (Sec. 1445, Research Act of 1977)				
Description	This NIFA program provides funding to support extension activities at the 1890 Institutions in order to provide useful, research-based educational opportunities that respond to the changing needs of limited-resource clients.				
Benefits/Impacts	<p>The 1890s Extension program benefits America by supporting outreach at the 1890 Institutions focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Agricultural diversification and marketing strategies to reverse the decline of small minority-owned farms. ■ Risk management education that provides farmers and ranchers with tools to address risk related issues. ■ Increasing viability and competitiveness of farms through sustainable practices. ■ Improving nutrition, diet, and health of limited resource families with emphasis on reducing obesity. ■ After school enrichment programs to enhance youth skills in science, technology, and math. ■ Improving the economic viability of rural communities. ■ Protecting the environment and natural resource management. 				
Funding History					
FY 2010 President's Budget	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006	FY 2005
\$40,150,000	\$40,150,000	\$ 35,850,000	\$ 35,205,000	\$ 33,529,000	\$ 32,868,000
Misc. Information					
Matching Funds	By statute, eligible institutions are required to provide a match.				
Final Recipients	1890 Land-Grant Universities and Tuskegee University (the 1890 Institutions).				
Note for Senate Offices	Funding is not being requested for this program through another appropriations bill.				
Additional Information	www.land-grant.org/kb.htm				

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities represents 217 U.S. universities and has members in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories.